Excise, Forest, Registration, Anchal, Huzur, Account Department, Law and Justice Department, Jail, Police, Education, Medical, Public Health, Military, Public Works, State conveyances, Income-tax, Devaswam.

Pay is mostly to the place in the following cases:—Stamp Office, Tramway, Special Palace Office, Customs, Charities, Ayurveda, Museum, Zoo, Stoneware Factory and Uplift of the Depressed Classes.

(b) It is to the place.

(c) (i) Government have no information.

(ii) There cannot be much savings as even otherwise transfers are necessary.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*).—Do the Government admit that there will be some savings if the pay is made personal?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar (*Comptroller of Accounts*).—There may be some savings.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*).—My information is that the pay in the Post and Anchal offices is personal. Will the Government consider to make this personal here also since there will be some savings at least?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar (*Comptroller of Accounts*).—If there are any such instances Government will enquire and take necessary action.

Fishing industry—improvement of.

278. **Mr. M. A. Sankunni** (*Nominated*).—"The fishing industry is recognised in all the civilised countries as a necessary compliment of the agricultural industry in that it supplements appreciably the food supply of the poor population who form the bulk of the agriculturists of the country". With reference to the above extract occuring in the Diwan's order dated 11th October 1907 will the Government be pleased to state the steps or attempts they have made in order to carry out what is contemplated in the same?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*).—Government are making every effort to improve the fishing industry in the State consistent with limitations of finance.

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Dr. A. R. Menon (*Pallippuram*).—Will the Government be pleased to consider the possibility of deep sea fishing in our State? There was some suggestion also with regard to that.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*)—As I have already explained during the general discussion a revenue inspector in charge was asked to offer his remarks and if necessary to draw a complete scheme. On that matter we came to the conclusion that without gathering necessary preliminary data it will be difficult to take to deep sea fishing. He recommended that the scheme be put off till the data is collected since it would require a large amount of capital.

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Pallippuram*).—Would it not be advisable to get somebody for making a scientific investigation?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*).—Even for that some data will be necessary before the expert is called. We are trying to collect the data. But I may inform the House that even in Madras there is a difference of opinion among experts whether they should continue the deep sea fishing there or not.

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Pallippuram*).—It may not be a success in Madras but it may be a success in these seas.

The Cochin Irrigation Act—requests under.

279. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Wadakkancheri*).—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) when the Cochin Irrigation Act was passed;

(b) whether any application or request to have any irrigation work (major, minor or petty) constructed, repaired or maintained, has been received by the Government, and if so, which are they;

(c) whether any of the requests in (b) has been granted?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*).—(a) The Cochin Irrigation Act was passed on 15th Vrischigam 1111, corresponding to 1st December 1935.

(b) Yes.

A request under Section 22 of the Act for opening a canal in Thekke desam village, Chittur Taluk, has been received by the Diwan Peishkar from one K. Ramanatha Menon.

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